

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
Wolfgang Schmutz et al )  
Appln. No. : TBA )  
Filed : August 14, 2000 )  
For : DEVICE FOR LOADING SUBSTRATES )  
INTO AND UNLOADING THEM FROM A )  
CLEAN ROOM )

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M. Allen  
06/19/01

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 3, change "Specification" to

--Field of the Invention--;

line 5, change "in accordance with" to ~~having~~ a lock device, on which a

transport box can be brought for receiving the substrates and which is provided with a  
hermetically sealed opening, and which has a processing installation adjoining the locking  
opening--;

lin 6, delete "the preamble of claim 1";

between lines 6 and 7, insert

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